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OF
THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

10 JULY 1962

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Meeting convened at 1000 hours

KPA/CPV:

I have a statement to make on an important and urgent matter to be settled today through negotiation by the Military Armistice Commission.

As was already pointed out in my letter sent to you on June 30, 1962, around 0515 hours, early in the morning on June 26, 1962, Submarine Chaser Number 707 of your side forcibly took away Drifter Number 235 and 11 fishermen of our side who were engaged in fishing at the sea off Pooijin-ri, Kosung County, Kangwon Province.

In your letter to me dated July 3, 1962, several days after that, you admitted that our fishermen were under the detention on your side and assured that they would be returned to their homes.

Therefore, all of our fishermen should have been already returned so that they might lead a harmonious and happy life together with their beloved parents, wives and children, relatives and friends.

All the fishermen of our side whom your side is bound to return without delay, however, have not yet been returned

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up to this date when it is 15 days after they were forcibly taken away to your side and when it is 7 days after you gave our side an assurance of their return.

Your side has no reason and grounds whatsoever to continue to detain our fishermen forcibly abducted by your side.

I again strongly demand that your side return to our side without delay all of our fishermen your side has forcibly kept under its detention, their fishing boat, their fishing tackle, and all their personal belongings.

UNC:

Around 0500 hours on 26 June 1962, a patrol vessel of our side intercepted a boat of your side at 38 degrees 33 minutes North, 128 degrees 27 minutes East, located in the coastal waters adjacent to the territory of our side approximately four (4) miles south of an eastward extension of the Military Demarcation Line.

As I explained in my 3 July letter to you, our side is conducting an investigation and if, as you stated, they are fishermen you will have nothing to be concerned about. When our side has completed the investigation you will be informed of the results.

KPA/CPV:

As I have already stated, our fishermen abducted by your side have been detained on your side for as long as 15 days.

As is clear to everyone, your side is under the sole obligation to send back to our side all the fishermen and fishing boat of our side forcibly taken away by your side. There is no need of any "investigation" or "confirmation" in connection with them.

This notwithstanding, your side has not returned our fishermen to our side on the pretext of "investigation" and

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what not.

This is nothing but an deliberate scheme of your side which has attempted to doggedly delay the return of our fishermen, and overtly reveals that your side will continue to conduct unjustifiable interrogation on our fishermen.

What do you want from the fishermen of our side, illegally detaining them? What compels your side to do so?

The attitude your side has just taken completely runs counter to the spirit and requirement of the Armistice Agreement.

Our side resolutely opposes such unreasonable attitude of your side.

Your side has no right whatsoever to infringe upon the human rights of the fishermen of our side.

Your side is under the sole obligation to send back to our side all the fishermen of our side immediately and unconditionally together with their fishing boat and cargoes.

When will your side return to our side the fishermen of our side together with their fishing boat and all the cargoes?

I demand your responsible reply.

UNC:

In regards to the fishermen in the custody of our side, the investigation has not been completed at this time. I refer you to my letter to you of 3 July 1962 which contained a complete explanation. The determination whether or not an investigation is necessary has already been determined by our side.

KPA/CPV:

You have continuously taken unreasonable stand in an attempt to evade even the implementation of your obligation to return immediately to our side our fishermen.

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The boat of our side and their crew now detained by your side are a fishing boat and fishermen of our side that were engaged in fishing.

What further investigation does your side need into the fact that the naval vessel of your side has forcibly taken away the fishing boat and fishermen of our side?

What your side should do is only to send our fishing boat and fishermen to our side immediately and unconditionally.

This is the legal obligation imposed upon your side by the Armistice Agreement and an unavoidable obligation.

This notwithstanding, your side is continuously evading the compliance with the just demand of our side on the pretext of "investigation" and what not.

It is beyond doubt that the true motive for the "investigation" your side is insisting on so hard is to keep detaining our fishermen in pursuance of a certain sinister aim and subject them to further persecutions.

Such intrigue of your side is an unjust action diametrically running counter to the spirit of the Armistice Agreement.

The families, relatives and friends of the fishermen of our side now detained by your side who are eagerly awaiting the day of meeting with the latter, the entire Korean people and the world peace-loving people will not tolerate such intrigue of your side.

With no crafty machination can your side achieve its sinister aim or can it evade the obligation to return to our side our fishermen now under detention by your side.

The fishermen of our side should be sent back to our side unconditionally and immediately.

I again demand strongly that your side send back to our side at once all of our fishermen together with their fishing boat and all the cargoes.

UNC:

Evidently you are not acquainted with your own past history.

On 9 November 1957, armed vessels of your side seized eight (8) fishing boats and their crews of our side. In reply to a request by our side for the return of these fishermen and their vessels, your side replied on 16 November 1957, that QUOTE They will be returned to their homes as previous cases according to their desire upon completion of the investigation UNQUOTE.

Therefore, I say to you now, that these fishermen will be returned according to previous cases and according to their desire upon completion of the investigation by our side.

My letter of 3 July 1962, contains this same information.

(The KPA/CPV requested that the Korean translation be reread. This was done.)

KPA/CPV:

You have continued to reiterate the senseless ravings which can convince nobody.

The purpose of the investigation you have alleged to conduct is to find out a pretext for mitigating the guilt of your side's having flagrantly violated the Armistice Agreement and to seek for a loophole to shirk its grave responsibility.

The alleged investigation implies a vicious design for your side to forcibly detain the abducted fishermen of our side separating them from their families, relatives and friends, and to bring misfortunes and sufferings to them.

Our side will never tolerate this foul machination of your side.

Our side together with their parents, wives, children and relatives cannot but be apprehensive for their personal safety.

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First of all, I ask you the following questions.

Where are our fishermen now?

How about the health and spiritual conditions of each of them?

I request your side to provide our side with detailed information on each fisherman of our side by name.

UNC:

Since you insist on continuing your prepared statements on these fishermen I would like to review some specific cases from the past.

At 1605 hours on 13 November 1959, four of your illegally introduced torpedo boats forcibly abducted two Republic of Korea fishing boats who were fishing in international waters at 38 degrees 39 minutes North, 128 degrees 28 minutes East.

Around 1200 hours, on 14 November 1959, one of your illegally introduced security boats abducted one Republic of Korea fishing boat fishing in Republic of Korea territorial waters at 38 degrees 29 minutes 50 seconds North, 128 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds East.

On 27 November 1959, the Secretary of your side stated that QUOTE they will be returned to their homes together with their fishing boats and all their belongings by the authorities concerned UNQUOTE.

On 8 December 1959, your side released the fishermen to our side, 25 days after they had been abducted.

In another case, your side seized two Republic of Korea fishing boats on 7 November 1958, many miles south of the eastward extension of the Military Demarcation Line with twelve crewmen. On 25 November 1958 your side released six of these fishermen and one fishing boat. Your side kept the other six fishermen saying they were displaced civilians and

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had elected to remain in north Korea. We do not know if the other fishing boat elected to remain in north Korea but you did not return it. It took 18 days for you to return the crewmen who did return.

On 6 December 1958, your side seized seven fishing boats along with 42 fishermen. On 20 December 1958, you sent a message saying that 28 crewmen and six boats were returned to the Republic of Korea, stating also that the remaining 14 crewmen were displaced civilians and had elected to remain in the north. One fishing boat remained in the north also. It is not known if it was a displaced boat and had elected to remain in the north. In this case, your Secretary on 9 December 1958 stated that an investigation was being conducted and that our side would be informed of the results. At the 90th and 91st Military Armistice Commission meetings your Senior Member stated that investigations were not completed.

Therefore, in answer to your demand to return the fishermen and boat and belongings I state that investigation has not been completed. When it is you will be informed.

I go to another subject.

Wanton disregard of the provisions of the Armistice Agreement has again been shown by your side. On June 14, 1962, one of your high-speed PT boats committed a threatening act against our side.

At about 2300 hours an armed boat of your side approached at high speed to a point 37 degrees 59 minutes North, 124 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East, within 1000 meters of a vessel of our side, and near PAENGYONG-DO, an island under the military control of our side, moved about there for several minutes and then withdrew to the north.

I lodge a serious protest against this provocative and
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irresponsible act of the personnel of your side which violates the Preamble, Paragraph 15, and the spirit and intent of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

Our side will inquire into the charge you have just made.

Your side is still attempting to delay the return of our fishermen while consistently talking absurd nonsense.

Your side has illegally dispatched naval craft into the territorial waters of another's country, forcibly abducted our fishermen who had been peacefully engaged in fishery, separated them with their beloved parents, wives and children and is attempting to bring intolerable humiliation upon our fishermen and place them under the yoke of slavery. Such savage act of yours has intensively manifested the brigandish and bestial nature of the U.S. imperialists.

You have made a regular job of invading other countries and killing men at random. Such piratical act of your side has not started recently.

The relevant records of the Military Armistice Commission and its subordinate organs severely ~~condemn~~ you who have dispatched various naval craft into the coastal waters of our side, committed provocative and hostile acts, attacked, killed, forcibly abducted and illegally detained them in flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement.

On December 19, 1960, your side dispatched its naval craft into the coastal waters of our side and made savage attack on the fishing boats of our side which had been peacefully engaged in fishery, and then seized two fishing boats, abducted the fishermen aboard them and kept them in custody for a long time inflicting inconceivable brutal tortures upon them and has kept forcibly detaining ten fishermen up to date.

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Your side even took away the fishermen of our side in distress due to the wind and high seas who had been engaged in fishery on January 4, 1961 in the coastal waters of the East Sea, inflicted upon them unimaginable violences and has forcibly detained two of them up to now.

These are not all your criminal acts fully demonstrating the skill befitting the descendant of pirates.

Since the signing of the Armistice Agreement, your side has committed provocative and hostile acts against our side by illegally dispatching various naval craft into the coastal waters of our side on more than 200 occasions, menaced the lives of our peaceable fishermen assaulting and killing them and perpetrated such bestial atrocities as to forcibly abduct our fishermen.

As a result of your brigandish and piratical acts, numerous fishermen of our side have been abducted. They have been denied to return their homes up to this date and, being deprived of their means of subsistence, they are suffering unbearable misfortunes and tribulations and wandering about every day in the land of death.

Such vicious atrocities committed by your side which are beyond the imagination of the ordinary people vividly remind us of the savage nature shown in the execution of massacring the American aborigines and the cruelty and evil practice of yours who had been bent on slave trade.

That is why the world public have branded you U.S. imperialist as the most ferocious barbarians and the vicious enemy of mankind in the 20th Century.

You have forcibly abducted peaceful fishermen of our side and inflicted misfortunes and sufferings upon them while keeping them in chains like slaves. Our side can never tolerate

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such cursed atrocities and will not leave them in your hands any longer.

Now that your side has forcibly kept our fishermen under its detention, it is an unavoidable obligation of your side to offer detailed informations about their whereabouts, health and spirits. However, your side has now evaded even this fundamental obligation.

What compels your side to be so afraid of and evasive in offering the information about their personal safety?

UNC:

Concerning the questions asked --

The personnel of your side are under the military control of our side and are all in good health and spirits.

Since the investigation is not completed yet the detailed personnel data you wanted to obtain is not available at present. You will be informed of the results thereof upon completion of the investigation.

Concerning the naval violation --

You have ignored my charge of a hostile act by your naval craft.

KPA/CPV:

I recommend you to make a reference to my statement that our side will inquire into the sea incident against which your side has charged.

I have noted your statement that our fishermen are in good health.

Then, does your side intend to subject our fishermen to examination in order to detain them against their will? And what authority does your side have to examine the fishermen from our side?

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Your side is under the sole obligation to return our abducted fishermen to our side.

It is absolutely unjustifiable for your side to intend to keep our fishermen under detention on the pretext of conducting an investigation.

Your side must immediately return to our side our fishermen forcibly abducted by your side along with their fishing vessel.

Where and when will your side deliver to our side our fishermen along with their boat and cargoes?

Answer!

UNC:

I have given you my answer regarding the personnel of your side.

I note your statement agreeing to investigate our just charge.

I go to another subject.

On 30 June 1962 at approximately 1030 hours an aircraft of our side was flying from 38 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds North, 127 degrees 08 minutes 52 seconds East to 38 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds North, 127 degrees 13 minutes 55 seconds East where it then turned south. While the aircraft of our side was flying along this course the personnel of your side opened fire with machine guns from two positions outside the Demilitarized Zone at 38 degrees 19 minutes 54 seconds North, 127 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds East and 38 degrees 19 minutes 48 seconds North, 127 degrees 09 minutes 50 seconds East and from a position inside the Demilitarized Zone at 38 degrees 19 minutes 08 seconds North, 127 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds East, firing more than 200 rounds across the Demilitarized Zone at our side's aircraft. Many rounds

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from these machine guns fell short and landed near our guard posts in the Demilitarized Zone endangering the lives of our civil police.

This firing on the aircraft of our side operating in the territory of our side constitutes a willful violation of the Armistice Agreement. Also, the presence of a machine gun in the Demilitarized Zone also constitutes a violation of the Armistice Agreement and the Subsequent Agreements prohibiting automatic weapons.

I lodge a strong protest against your side for these hostile and provocative acts. It is a requirement of the Armistice Agreement that the responsible persons of your side be punished.

KPA/CPV:

Today, again, you have rambled on with preposterous lies in an attempt to cover up the violation by your side of the Armistice Agreement.

As it is not for the first time for your military aircraft to intrude into the air space over the territory of our side in order to make reconnaissance, so such lies of your are not unfamiliar.

The only awards you have been given for your habitual lies are the hatred and indignation of the world public for the systematic and deliberate violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement.

Whatever lies you may invent, the world public can perceive them, and they see through your preposterous allegations the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism.

How can you unreasonably persist that the air space over 38 degrees 19 minutes 10 seconds North, 127 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East into which the military aircraft of your side intruded is over the territory of South Korea?

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

What's more, you have alleged that it can be justified for your side to have intruded into the airspace over another's territory but that it constitutes a violation of the Armistice Agreement for our side to have taken self-defence measures to defend ourselves against the aggressor.

What a brigandish argument this is?

It is our right nobody can encroach upon to take self-defense measures against aggressors.

Our side will never tolerate the brigandish aggressive acts of your military aircraft at any time, in any place and in any case.

Instead of making futile efforts to shirk the responsibility for the criminal act by your side, you should carry out a responsible investigation into the provocative intrusion committed recently by your side's military plane and punish according to the provisions of the Armistice Agreement the personnel of your side involved in the incident.

Your side must bring under control the personnel of your side to insure exact compliance with the Armistice Agreement by them, and take expeditious, thorough measures necessary to prevent a recurrence of similar intrusions.

This is an inescapable obligation your side is entrusted with under the Armistice Agreement.

The attitude you have just taken revealed in all its ugliness the black heart of you, American robbers who are engaged in murder, fraud and deception.

Do you think that with such petty trick can you free yourself from the responsibility for the return of all of our fishermen forcibly taken away by your side, their fishing boat and cargoes that should have already been returned to our side?

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Your side has not only detained but also is attempting to keep our fishermen in its custody on an unwarrantable pretext. This makes it clear that your side is intending to inflict more pain and bring misfortune on them by means of unimaginable threats and intimidation as it did in the past with a view to utilizing them for the purpose of achieving its foul political and military designs.

In order to brew such shameless intrigue designed to attain the execrable objectives, your side has delayed from day to day on the pretext of investigation the fulfilment of the just demand of our side for the immediate return of our fishermen forcibly taken away by your side.

Such scheme of your side which provides a vivid proof of the brigandish nature of the U.S. imperialist aggressors constitutes another grave challenge to the Korean people and only arouses burning hatred and indignation among the Korean people and the people the world over.

Your side should return immediately and unconditionally all of our fishermen whom your side has forcibly detained. This is an inescapable duty of your side.

When will your side return all of our fishermen detained by your side together with their fishing boat and cargoes to our side? Make your reply.

UNC:

The aircraft of our side was flying south of the Demilitarized Zone when it was fired on by the machine guns of your side.

The coordinates you gave me were not the ones I read to you.

You have not answered my charge of the illegal machine gun in the Demilitarized Zone.

KPA/CPV:

Whatever quibblings you may use, you can never cover up the air intrusions your side has habitually committed.

You have again evaded a specific answer to our demand reiterating the preposterous pretext.

As I have already stated, all of our fishermen should have already been returned to our side with their fishing boat.

This notwithstanding, your side has not only detained for as long as 15 odd days our fishermen forcibly abducted, but also attempted today again to delay their return under preposterous pretexts.

Utterly unwarrantable is such conduct on your part.

Your side can neither delay any further the return of our fishermen, nor can it evade the obligation to return them to our side at the earliest date.

I demand your responsible reply in response to our demand.

UNC:

I have completed my reply regarding the return of your fishermen. However, I am interested to note that you recognize, through your failure to make your usual false charges, that your QUOTE fishing boat UNQUOTE was in the coastal waters of our side when it was apprehended.

Do you intend to investigate the valid charge I have made regarding your sides firing on our aircraft?

KPA/CPV:

As was pointed out by our side at the 246th Secretaries' Meeting, you can by no means deny the air intrusion by your military aircraft on June 30, 1962.

As has been clearly pointed out in my letter dated June 30, 1962 and in the statement I have just made, Submarine Chaser Number 707 of your side forcibly took away our fishing
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boat and 11 fishermen aboard it who were engaged in fishing operation. The truth about the piratical act has been already brought to light.

With such despicable fraud and deception as to change the scene of the incident to other place can you neither cover up the truth about the cruel piratical acts committed by your side nor extricate itself from the responsibility for them. Such trick of yours only serves to reveal your crafty and impudent nature.

You have still attempted to evade the implementation of your obligation.

Now that you have unwittingly admitted that the fishing boat and the fishermen of our side are now kept in your custody, what investigation does your side want to make?

Your side has no right whatsoever to examine our fishermen.

Whether you make an investigation or not, the boat in your custody is Drifter Number 235, a small fishing boat, generally used for fishing and the people aboard her are innocent fishermen who were engaged in peaceful fishery.

Who would believe your words that you have not finished investigations into such a quite incontestable fact for as long as 15 days?

Your side is scheming to keep detaining our fishermen on the pretext of investigation and what not. Your real intention of doing so is clear to everybody.

Your machination is designed:

1. to find out a pretext for covering up its criminal act of having forcibly abducted our fishermen;
2. to detain our fishermen further to give them greater physical and mental pain and subject them to all sorts of persecutions;

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3. to detain them against their will with a view to using them in achieving its certain sinister, ulterior aims.

I scathingly denounce this foul attitude of your side.

Your side must cease its wicked plot against our fishermen without delay. Such a craft of yours is ill-advised.

Such machinations of your side will only serve to aggravate its guilt.

The only thing your side should do is to accept our demand and return to our side without delay our fishermen abducted by your side along with their fishing boat and cargoes.

I await your responsible reply!

UNC:

You are resorting to the same practice which you have used whenever you have been pushed into a corner and cannot give a reasonable reply to our just charges.

Do you intend to investigate as required by the Armistice Agreement?

KPA/CPV:

As I have already unmistakably stated, your side has no right whatsoever to examine our fishermen but is under sole obligation to return them to our side immediately.

This notwithstanding, your side is scheming to doggedly defer the return of our fishermen on the pretext of "investigation".

It is not hard to imagine why your side is attempting to delay the return of our fishermen in such a manner.

As was already exposed to the world, ever since the signing of the armistice, your side has abducted a great number of our fishermen by illegally dispatching its armed vessels both in the eastern and western coastal waters of our side,

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maltreated and molested them by resorting to every conceivable nasty ways and means such as appeasement and deceit, threats and intimidation, while deliberately deferring their return on the preposterous pretext of the so-called "investigation". In this way, your side has utilized the opportunity to forcibly detain them.

I now cite only a few instances out of many showing the brutal nature of your side.

Having forcibly detained our fishing boat and fishermen taken away on December 19, 1960, your side forced them to divulge military secrets by ruthlessly beating them, threatening them with a pistol and dagger and torturing them by hanging them up on the one hand, and on the other, urged them to remain in South Korea threatening them with death in case they wish to go back to North Korea. Such inhumane and execrable violences were committed from day to day behind the screen of "investigation" and finally detained 10 of our fishermen denying their return until today by every means in its power.

Having detained our fishermen in distress in the eastern sea on January 4, 1961, your side also uttered about investigation and what not and threatened them with a pistol with death unless they provide with secret information, put them to torture with electricity and using even poisonous gas causing them to lose their consciousness. After inflicting such ferocious maltreatment, your side finally denied the return of 2 fishermen of our side.

As is vividly proved by the disclosed facts, the purpose of your side which has recently abducted our fishermen and is scheming to defer their return on the pretext of investigation is to achieve some insidious objection by applying more knavish pressure upon them.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

Our side can never tolerate such an execrable intrigue of yours designed to detain our fishermen and delay and obstruct their return by inflicting dreadful torture and violence upon them on the pretext of investigation.

There can be no reason for deferring the return of our fishermen. Your side is under the sole obligation to promptly and unconditionally return them to our side.

When and where will your side return the 11 fishermen of our side together with their boat and cargoes?

Make a reply!

UNC:

Evidently you do not intend to investigate our just charges. This in itself is a violation of the Armistice Agreement.

I strongly protest such failure by your side to carry out your responsibilities under the Armistice Agreement.

I go to another subject.

At the 152nd Meeting of this Commission, your side charged the United Nations Command with four naval intrusions during the period 9-20 May and one firing incident in the Demilitarized Zone on 15 May 1962.

Thorough investigations into these allegations have proved conclusively that they, like the majority of your charges, were completely devoid of fact. We therefore reject them as being falsely charged.

KPA/CPV:

I recommend you to study the record of the 246th Secretaries' meeting before you ask an investigation.

Your side has attempted to cover up the piracy of having forcibly seized the fishing boat of our side and even continued

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evading its obligation to return to our side without delay our fishermen forcibly detained by your side under the same preposterous pretext of conducting an "investigation".

As has been repeatedly declared by our side, however, with no wiles can your side conceal its criminal act or can it ever be relieved from its obligation to return our fishermen under forcible detention on your side.

Our fishermen forcibly abducted by your side must be returned to our side at the earliest possible time, and your side is bound to return to our side expeditiously all of those fishermen, their fishing boat and cargoes in compliance with our demand.

This is required sternly by the Armistice Agreement.

Unless your side schemes to use the forcibly detained fishermen of our side to attain certain sinister aims, it should carry out our reasonable demand instantly and unconditionally, withdrawing its unwarrantable attitude.

There is no pretext whatever for your side to detain our fishermen any longer.

Our side will continue to call your side to account until your side carries out our demand.

I have a statement to make on another subject.

At the 246th Secretaries meeting held on July 3, 1962, our side lodged a protest with your side against the nasty firings committed by your personnel and against the serious violation of the Armistice Agreement committed by your side which had dispatched its military reconnaissance plane into the airspace over the territory of our side, demanding that your side take responsible steps to prevent the recurrence of similar incident.

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Particularly, at that Secretaries meeting, our side lodged vigorous protest with your side against the provocative act of your side which had hoisted balloons in the airspace over the Demilitarized Zone to conduct reconnaissance over the territory of our side as well as "anti-communist propaganda" slandering and defaming our side and strongly demanded that your side promptly remove the balloons, severely punish the personnel involved and take practical and effective measures to prevent the recurrence of similar incident.

This notwithstanding, your side has not taken any steps up to date when one week has already passed since our side made demand, and when two weeks are over since the occurrence of the incident.

On account of such an insincere attitude of your side towards the Armistice Agreement, the serious hostile acts by your side have continued.

If your side had the slightest intention to implement the Armistice Agreement, such a provocative act of your side could never be repeated.

I lodge a strong protest against the serious provocative hostile acts your side has continuously committed in disregard of the warnings from our side, and at the same time, strongly demand that your side remove at once the balloons raised in the airspace over the Demilitarized Zone, severely punish the personnel involved in accordance with the provisions of the Armistice Agreement and take practical and effective measures to prevent the recurrence of similar incident in the future.

UNC:

The major charges which were alleged by your side at the 246th Secretaries meeting were forwarded to me.

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The Secretary of our side stated that an investigation would be made into the charges.

The charge concerning the alleged aircraft intrusion is still under investigation and will be reported on later. _

The investigation concerning the balloons has been completed.

The locations of these balloons are all outside of the Demilitarized Zone and in the territory of our side. There is no violation of the Armistice Agreement.

This is an internal affair of our side and of no concern to your side if we desire to put these balloons up in our territory. ✓

KPA/CPV:

You are preposterous enough to allege that the serious provocative act of your side is "internal affairs" concerned with your side alone and that it is not a matter concerned with our side.

How on earth could such nasty provocative acts of your side as to raise balloons in the airspace over the Demilitarized Zone designed to obtain military information necessary for the preparations of another war and carry out wily "anti-Communist propaganda" against our side be internal affairs which have to do with your side alone?

The criminal acts your side has been committing constitute not only a flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement but also a serious provocation against our side.

Therefore, your "logic" that the criminal acts of your side is its "internal affairs" which have nothing to do with the Armistice Agreement can never be tenable. It is nothing but a sheer nonsense designed to exempt itself from its guilty acts.

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

With such preposterous quibblings as "internal affairs" and what not, your side can neither cover up its criminal acts nor extricate itself from its due responsibility.

You should not repeat such a nonsense but promptly remove the balloons your side has raised unwarrantably.

When will your side remove them?

UNC:

There is considerable difference between the messages displayed from these balloons and the messages you broadcast by loudspeakers and paint on mountains behind the Demilitarized Zone. As an example, one of our peaceful messages reads QUOTE The Free Republic of Korea is the only place for you to live UNQUOTE.

Your objections amuse me. Have a look at some pictures of these balloons. You can see that none of them have a military capability not even one of observation as you charge.

(UNC places 3 photographs of balloons on table.)

KPA/CPV:

As I have already clearly pointed out, such criminal acts of your side as to overtly raise balloons in the airspace over the Demilitarized Zone with the aim of conducting military reconnaissances necessary for the preparations of another war against the Korean people constitute a flagrant violation and disruption of the Armistice Agreement.

This notwithstanding, you are still clinging to your absurd "logic". This is a vivid manifestation of your intention to keep committing hostile acts against our side and your ulterior scheme to commit such perfidious acts.

If your side has any intention to fulfill its obligations assumed under the Armistice Agreement, you should change your unwarrantable attitude and take a practical step to remove

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the balloons instead of talking nonsense. I demand your responsible reply.

UNC:

What objection can you possibly have to these balloons when they are located OUTSIDE of the Demilitarized Zone and in the territory of our side?

KPA/CPV:

The airspace where your side has hoisted the balloons is over the spots located in the vicinity of 38 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds North, 127 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East and 38 degrees 17 minutes 59 seconds North, 127 degrees 32 minutes 35 seconds in the Demilitarized Zone.

This notwithstanding how can you dare allege that the locations mentioned above are in the territory under the military control of your side?

UNC:

Since you continue to state that these balloons are inside the Demilitarized Zone I propose that Joint Observer Team meeting be arranged by the Secretaries for the purpose of conducting an investigation into the matter.

KPA/CPV:

Our side agrees to your proposal that a Joint Observer Team be dispatched to the two spots pointed out by our side.

As was exposed at the 152nd Military Armistice Commission meeting, the illegal intrusions into our coastal waters by the naval craft of your side, the vicious hostile acts committed by your personnel in the Demilitarized Zone were all the immovable and stern facts.

This notwithstanding, your side has taken unwarranted

KPA/CPV (CONT'D):

attitude of flatly denying them groundlessly resorting to absurd pretexts.

Such a shameless attitude of your side is another proof that it has never investigated in good faith the criminal acts committed by itself, is doggedly evading the fulfillment of its obligations assumed under the Armistice Agreement and will continue to perpetrate such crimes in the future.

At the same time, such an attitude taken by your side clearly proves that the so-called "investigation" you have habitually reiterated is nothing but a crafty trick designed to relieve itself even a bit from an awkward position you are placed in and deceive the world public.

Unless your side changes the irresponsible, insincere and perfidious stand, the Armistice Agreement cannot be strictly implemented which aims at a complete cessation of hostilities and of all acts of armed force in Korea.

Your side must take decisive steps in accordance with the obligation and responsibility assumed under the Armistice Agreement for ceasing the violations of the Agreement committed by your personnel desisting from such an unwarranted attitude.

UNC:

The Secretary of our side will contact the Secretary of your side to arrange the necessary details on the Joint Observer Team Meeting. Our side has no further business for this meeting.

KPA/CPV:

I have noted your statement.

Since you have stated that your side has nothing further to offer, I propose to recess.

UNC:


I agree to your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1253 hours

Following UNC Advisory Group members attended:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
AUSTRALIA	SQN LDR JOHN S. PULESTON-JONES
CANADA	MAJOR CLIFFORD R. BAKER
ETHIOPIA	MAJOR MAKONNEN ASSEFA
FRANCE	MAJOR HENRI R. P. BERNARD
GREECE	MAJOR MICHAEL S. ROUFOGALIS
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NEW ZEALAND	CAPTAIN RICHARD M. BURROWS
PHILIPPINES	LT COL FELIX PESTANA
THAILAND	MAJOR SONGKROHPHAND DEJ
TURKEY	COLONEL MEHMET ATACERI ✓
UNITED KINGDOM	MAJOR KENNETH SCRAGG
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	LT COL CARL J. HELTON

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